(d) what would be the fata of this Miil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No Sir, as it did not integrate with the theme of the exhibition on Women's equality and the struggles towards attaining it.

(c) and (d) The film was commissioned by Shri Dashrath Patel & Mrs. Chanderalekha. They have not submitted the accounts as yet neither have they approached the Government for taking over the film which is with Aravindan.

Renewal of the Bridge on National Highway in Cochin

24. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRA-VATTOM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the proposal to renew the bridge on the National Highway in Cochin; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the said bridge is very old and is likely to cause a big disaster like the one which took place near Quilon recently; if so, whether Government propose to take urgent steps to construct a new bridge on Cochin Allep-py National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Mattencherry and Venduruthy bridges. With the construction of the Cochin byepass, these two bridges no longer form part of National Highway 47 as their repair and main-tenance is the responsibility of the State Government. The bridges at Venduruthy and Mattencherry were constructed in 1938—40. With a view to improving the condition of the road bridges and after consultations with Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), a scheme for improving the condition of road bridges has been evolved. A part of the scheme has already been implemented.

Profits of Air India and Indian Air lines from Gulf sector

25. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRA-VATTOM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleas= ed to state:

(a) what are the details of profits of Air India and Indian Airlines in 1987-88 from Gulf Sector and what was this amount in 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) what are the reasons for in-crease/decrease in the profits; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to minimise the airfare in Trivandrum-Gulf sector to make it equal to the fare of other Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL); (a) Indian Airlines does not operate in the Gulf sector. The operating profit of Air India on the India-Gulf sector during the last three years was as follows: —

1985-86	.	Rs. 87.62	crores
1986-87	.	Rs. 64.47	crores
1987-88	.	Rs. 43.29	crores

(b) The main reasons for decline in the operating profits of Air India on the India-Gulf sector were mainly static market, increase in capacity, severe competition and resultant low yields.

(c) Air India charges the published fare between Trivandrum-Gulf cons-trusted over Bombay using the IATA agreed fare. These fares have been ratified by the Government concern-.